Project for 'Restructuring Edible Oil and Oilseeds Production and Marketing'. NDDB have received 156,965 MT of crude rapeseed oil from Canada, 147 780 MT of refined soyabean oil from USA and generated Rs. 154.04 crores and Rs. 134.85 crores respectively. The funds generated are being utilised to finance various components of the project. The project is administered by NDDB and implemented in important oilseeds growing States of the country by State level Cooperative Oilseeds Growers Federations. The Project is periodically reviewed by Government.

Proposal for Import of Oilseed and Maize through NDDB and NAFED

2211. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had recently given clearance to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) for import of oilseed and maize; and

(b) if so, how much quantity is likely to be imported and what are the reasons for such import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) It is proposed that 0.5 million tonne of oilseeds be imported on aid basis only and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) would be the canalising agency. It is also proposed that maize be imported upto 10 lakh tonne through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), under counter trade arrangements. aid etc. These imports are proposed keeping in view the shortfall on production on account of the drought situation, poultry feed requirements for maize etc.

Facilities given to Journalists

2212. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities for housing and transport presently made available to accredited Journalists in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering some fresh welfare measures including house building advance for the journalists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) At present 109 accredited journalists in Delhi have been provided with Government accommodation. However, in view of the acceptance of the recommendations of the Second Press Commission. it has been decided not to make any fresh allotments to the journalists and to transfer all future vacancies that may arise in the Press Pool to the General Pool. The Press Pool will be gradually phased out. As regards transport facilities to journalists concessional rail travel and concessional bus facilities in the DTC buses are available to the accredited journalists.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Revision of SC/ST List

2213. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government propose to bring forward a bill to amend the list of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in the current session of Parliament, if not, what are the reasons therefor?